Access Technology Specialist

NFB Jernigan Institute

Description

The Access Technology Specialist works as an integral part of the Access Technology team of the National Federation of the Blind (NFB) Jernigan Institute. A qualified individual will be a key resource in creating and disseminating information about available accessible technology and will work with companies in the private sector, government agencies, and educational institutions to make their products and services, websites, and applications accessible to the blind. The Access Technology Specialist will report directly to the Manager of Accessibility Programs.

Responsibilities

The responsibilities of an Access Technology Specialist include:

* Be an effective advocate for nonvisual accessibility
* Evaluate new and existing access technology
* Evaluate new and existing mainstream technology for nonvisual accessibility and usability
* Conduct training on access technology and web accessibility
* Write about new and existing blindness specific and mainstream technologies for various publications
* Conduct web accessibility evaluations using manual and automated tools
* Perform usability testing of websites using screen access software packages for Windows, Mac, and the mobile platform
* Write comprehensive reports on the accessibility status of web sites
* Maintain a working knowledge of evolving nonvisual access technologies and ever-changing web accessibility design techniques
* Stay up-to-date with screen access software development
* Perform other duties as assigned

Required Skills

* Knowledge of and interest in access technology
* Proficient in the use of Windows and Mac productivity suites
* Knowledge of how to use screen access programs for Windows, Mac, and mobile platforms
* Ability to work effectively as a part of a team
* Good personal time management skills and ability to handle multiple projects
* Ability to be self-motivated and result-oriented

Preferred Skills

* Ability to read Braille
* Technical writing skills
* Proficient in accessible HTML and CSS techniques
* Experience providing access technology training

Educational Requirements

* Associate or Bachelor’s degree in a related field

How to Apply

We do not speak in terms of “positions” for many of our jobs at the NFB National Office, preferring to focus on the applicant’s total skill set in determining a fit with our needs. Candidates for jobs at this level are hired on the basis of their education and experience ratings and careful assessment of performance in multiple interviews. We seek individuals who long to identify with a cause and to assist in advocacy for a group long denied equal opportunity to succeed or fail on the basis of ability and not be denied opportunity on the basis of society’s stereotypes. This job is open until filled. Applicants should send via email, a cover letter, a résumé with wage history, and the contact information of two professional references to NFB Human Resources email [HR@nfb.org](mailto:HR@nfb.org).

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